



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

June 15, 2025

Centering chimes

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Before we were formed in the womb, the Lord knew us. Before we drew breath,
God had a purpose for us.

People: We come, called by name, ready for God's work.

Leader: The Lord touches our mouths and says, "Now I have put my words in your mouth."
God sends us to speak truth, to build and to plant.

People: We come to hear God's voice and follow God's call.

***Gathering hymn #11** "Mountain of God"

Welcome & Prayer

***Praising Hymn #573** "Strong, Peaceful Man of Galilee"

Children's story and offering for Immigrant Services of CU

Congregation sings as children come forward (Voices Together #512)

Scripture Jeremiah 1:1-10 and John 2:13-22

Sermon

***Response hymn #828** "There's a Wild Hope in the Wind"

Prayer & Offertory

Ushers will pass the offering plates down the rows; "sharing" index cards may be placed in the plates. Blank index cards are available on the greeter stand and in holders on the back of chairs throughout the sanctuary.

Congregational Sharing & Prayer (*use the mic or text prayers to pastor Michael*)

Introduction of visitors

Work of the church (*come forward to the podium mic to make an announcement*)

***Sending hymn #834** "Thuma mina (Send Me, Lord)"

***Benediction**

*Stand in body or in spirit. Children are invited to wave the ribbons during the hymns.

We welcome, without exclusion, all who seek God's love and grace...

You are welcome here, inclusive of gender, race, country of origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, sexual identity, socioeconomic status, family status, past imprisonment, education, citizenship status and physical or mental abilities. We encourage you to share in the rituals, fellowship and ministry of this congregation.

Hearing devices (T-coil and over-ear) and a large print hymnal & Bible are available from the greeters.

Childcare (birth – preschool) is provided in the nursery downstairs.

NEXT WEEK AFTER WORSHIP

Downstairs in the Fellowship Hall - Fellowship, refreshments and children's snacks for ages 1 year through Grade School. Parents, please assist your children during snack time.

JUNE & JULY EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES (11:15AM-12PM)

(No Sunday school on June 15 and during August)

Intergenerational Summer Class

Theme: Sharing how we use our passion, gifts, interests or skills to care for others.

Location: Downstairs in the Fellowship Hall

Coffee & Conversation (for adults)

A fellowship group open to all, with topics arising weekly from within the group. This is a "brave space" that invites thoughtful sharing about faith from a range of perspectives and experiences.

Location: Downstairs in Room 13



ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS (more announcements in the email sent each Tuesday)

TODAY immediately after worship – Meet at Hessel Park (Champaign) for fellowship and a potluck picnic (served at 11:30am) in celebration of Father's Day. Bring a nut-free dish to share, your table service, and lawn chairs or blankets. Bring any lawn games you enjoy. Drinks are provided. We will be in one of the small shelters. The picnic takes place at FMC in the event of rain.

TODAY – Deadline for signing up to provide a main item for the Taco Tuesday meal on June 17. Help is appreciated; please use this [signup link](#) to know what main items are still needed and how much to make.

June 14 – 28 – Juneteenth celebrations in CU; a list is in the community section of our Tuesday email.

This Tuesday & Wednesday, June 17 & 18 – Rhonda is out of the office. In her absence office hours are reduced: 9:30 am – 12 noon. Contact Pastors Michael or Deb if you need assistance.

Sign up to provide a meal for the Needhams as they grieve the passing of David's father.

This Tuesday, June 17, 5:30 pm at FMC – Taco Tuesday meal. Come and eat, no signup needed. Bring a topping or side to share if you wish.

This Tuesday, June 17 at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary after the Taco Tuesday meal - Presentation about New Philadelphia, IL, by U of I professors Abdul Alkalimat and Kate Williams-McWorter. Founded in 1836, [New Philadelphia](#) was the first community in America started by an African American. Abdul is a descendant of the founder Frank McWorter. Abdul and Kate are leaders of the New Philadelphia Association.

This Thursday, June 19, 9 am at FMC – Thursday Morning Bible Study Summer Potluck Brunch. Contact Pastor Deb for more information.

This Thursday – Saturday, June 19-21 – Pastor Michael is away at the Central District Conference Annual Meeting in Bluffton, OH. Please contact Pastor Deb if you have any pastoral care needs.

Next Sunday, June 22 during our intergenerational Sunday school class – Bev Hertle, Mary Krick and Sharon Monday will lead an interactive session on "De-Lawning and Use of Native Plants."

Saturday, June 28, 10a-12n – "Less Lawn, Going Native." Come view lawns of FMC attendees who have added native plants to their property. Pick up a copy of the schedule from the table near the church office.

Sunday, June 29 – Deadline for articles for the July Vine. Email submissions to Cindi Schieber.

Registration is open for our FMC All-Church Retreat at Camp Menno Haven, Aug. 29-31. Registration forms are on the retreat table display; you can also register online.

FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

(Details at: www.fmc-cu.org/events)

TODAY (Sunday, June 15)

- Worship (9:15a), followed by fellowship and a Father's Day potluck picnic at Hessel (food served at 11:30 am)
- Sunday Spiritual Direction Group (3:15p)
- Deadline to help with a main item for Taco Tue.

TUESDAY

- Rhonda is out of the office through Wed.
- Taco Tuesday meal at FMC (5:30p)
- New Philadelphia presentation at FMC (6:30p)

WEDNESDAY

- Wednesday AM Zoom Bible Study (8a)
- PCRC meeting (2p)

THURSDAY

- Thurs. AM Bible Study Potluck Brunch (9a)
- Pastor Michael at CDC Annual Mtg (Thu-Sat)

FRIDAY

- Friday Spiritual Direction Group (10a)

NEXT SUNDAY, June 22

- Worship (9:15a), followed by fellowship and intergenerational Sunday school.
- Facilities Committee-Hybrid (12:15p)

THANKS TODAY TO:

Greeters: Janet Elaine Guthrie & Mark Jaeger
Worship Leader: Rosalee Otto & Eliza Crosby
Song Leader: Pastor Deb
Piano: Kathy Springer
Children's Story: Pete Shungu
Scripture Reader: Stephanie Thurston
Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael
Zoom: Phil Martens
Audio: Randy Nelson
Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Mary Krick
Stewards: Lynne Sancken & Keith Springer
Visuals: Lynne Sancken
No refreshments - People are invited to come to Hessel Park after worship for fellowship, followed by a potluck picnic at 11:30 am (Rain location: FMC)

NEXT SUNDAY, June 22 AT FMC:

Greeters: Earl Kellogg & Karla Woodson
Worship Leader: Janet Liechty
Song Leader: Cindy Breeze
Piano: Pam Peña Martin
Children's Story: Tammie Bouseman
Scripture Reader: Peter Dyck
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 3:10-13 and Matthew 5:9
Sermon: Menno Simons (aka Doug Malcolm)
Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael
Zoom: Megan Cox
Audio: Phil Martens
Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Rebecca Bare
Stewards: Lynne Sancken & Keith Springer
Visuals: Lynne Sancken
Refreshments: Thom & Martha Moore

First Mennonite Church of Champaign Urbana

902 W Springfield Ave | Urbana, IL 61801-3021 | 217.367.5353 | www.fmc-cu.org

Office Hours: 9:30 am – 2:30 pm Tuesday-Friday

Contact Us:

Pastor Michael Crosby: michael.crosby@fmc-cu.org
Associate Pastor Debra Sutter: debra.sutter@fmc-cu.org
Rhonda Gibson, Office Administrator: office@fmc-cu.org